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CHAPTER 55

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 136 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES
RELATING TO THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. G. S. 136-1 is hereby amended by rewriting said Section to read as follows:

"Sec. 136-1. State Highway Commission created; chairman and members; compensation; entire State represented; formulation of general policies; rules and regulations. There is hereby created a State Highway Commission, to be composed of a chairman and fourteen members appointed by the Governor. On July 1, 1965, the Governor shall appoint a chairman and fourteen members to serve four-year terms. One commissioner shall reside in each of the fourteen engineering divisions established by G. S. 136-14.1. The chairman or any member appointed pursuant to this Section may be removed from office by the Governor for cause. In case of death, resignation, or removal from office of the chairman or a member prior to the expiration of his term of office, his successor shall be appointed by the Governor to fill out the unexpired term.

"The chairman shall devote his entire time and attention to the work of the Commission, and shall be paid a salary fixed by the Governor, subject to the approval of the Advisory Budget Commission. The chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Commission and the director of highways, and shall be vested with the authority of the Commission as may be delegated to him by the Commission when the Commission is not in session, and shall execute all orders, rules and regulations established by the Commission. The chairman, when the Commission is not in session, shall be the officer upon whom service of legal process for the State Highway Commission shall be made; additional process agents may be designated by the Commission.

"The members of the Commission shall each receive, while engaged in the discharge of the duties of their office, such per diem, subsistence, and necessary travel expenses as are provided by law for members of State boards and commissions generally.

"It is the intent and purpose of this Section that the chairman and members of the Commission shall represent the entire State and not represent any particular area; provided, however, each commissioner shall be responsible for relations with the public generally and with individual citizens regarding highway matters in the division in which he resides. In addition, the State Highway Commission shall, from time to time, provide that one or more of its members or representatives shall publicly hear any person or persons desiring to bring to their attention such highway matters as such person or persons may deem wise, in each of said geographic areas of the State.

"The Commission shall formulate general policies and make rules and regulations as it may deem necessary, governing the construction, improvement and maintenance of the roads and highways of the State, with due regard to farm-to-market roads and school bus routes. It is the intent and